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WAGE RATES INDEXES, JULY 1979 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

In July 1979, weighted average minimum weekly wage rates remained unchanged at \$166.05 for adult males and \$153.79 for adult females.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

More information on these statistics of weighted average minimum weekly and hourly wage rates and index numbers for adult males and adult females will appear later in the monthly bulletin Wage Rates (6312.0) which also contains explanatory notes covering definitions, scope of the statistics, etc.

The wage rates used in the compilation of the indexes are the lowest rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) prescribed for particular occupations in awards or determinations of Federal or State industrial authorities; in collective agreements registered with these authorities; or in unregistered collective agreements where these are dominant in particular industries. The indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of wages as distinct from salaries; those awards, etc. which relate solely or mainly to salary earners are therefore excluded. Because of delays in the receipt of notification of changes in wage rates as well as retrospective changes to rates, figures for the latest twelve months shown are subject to revision. As such revisions are made they are published in the normal monthly tables of this statement.

- 3. The indexes are designed to measure trends in wage rates in current awards, etc. excluding the effects of changes in the relative importance of industries, awards and occupations. The weighted average wage rates shown in these tables are therefore indexes expressed in money terms, and do not purport to be actual current averages. Similarly, neither these weighted average wage rates nor the corresponding index numbers measure the relative levels of average current wage rates as between States or industries.
- 4. For adult males the weekly wage rates exclude rural industry; in addition the hourly rates exclude shipping and stevedoring, for which data to compute hourly wages are not available. The weekly and hourly wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry, mining and quarrying and building and construction.
- 5. The annual changes shown in Tables 1, 2 and 4 measure the percentage change from the same month for the previous year. The percentages may fluctuate from month to month owing to the timing of significant award changes.
- 6. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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TABLE 1. WEEKLY AND HOURLY WAGE RATES: ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements; weighted average minimum hourly rates payable; and index numbers of wage rates.

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	И	Weekly wage rates			Hourly wage rates		eekly wage r	Hourly wage rates				
Wage rates End of - \$	rates	Annual change %	Index Nos. (a)	Wage rates (cents)	Index Nos. (a)	Wage rates \$	Annual change %	Index Nos.	Wage rates (cents)	Index Nos. (a)		
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June	153.51	6.6	543.5	383.50	542.0	142.94	6.6	718.0	360.31	718.2		
July	153.54	6.6	543.7	383.58	542.2	142.96	6.6	718.1	360.37	718.3		
August	153.57	4.7	543.8	383.65	542.3	143.03	4.6	718.5	360.56	718.7		
September (b)	154.55	$\frac{4.7}{5.3}$	547.2	386.19	545.8	143.27	4.7	719.6	361.14	719.8		
October (b)	154.57	5.2	547.3	386.23	545.9	143.28	4.7	719.7	361.18	719.9		
November (b)	154.62	5.2	547.5	386.35	546.1	143.32	4.8	719.9	361.28	720.1		
December (b)	160.84	7.9	569.5	401.90	568.1	149.01	7.3	748.5	375.61	748.7		
1979 -												
January (b)	160.86	7.9	569.6	401.96	568.1	149.04	7.3	748.6	375.70	748.9		
February (b)	160.90	6.3	569.7	402.06	568.3	149.07	5.7	748.8	375.78	749.0		
March (b)	160.98	6.3	570.0	402.28	568.6	149.07	5.8	748.8	375.78	749.0		
April (b)	161.02	6.3	570.2	402.38	568.7	149.09	5.6	748.9	375.81	749.1		
May (b)	161.06	6.3	570.3	402.47	568.9	149.09	5.6	748.9	375.81	749.1		
June (b)	166.05	8.2	588.0	414.94	586.5	153.79	7.6	772.5	387.68	772.7		
July (b)	166.05	8.1	588.0	414.95	586.5	153.79	7.6	772.5	387.68	772.7		

(a) Base: Weighted average minimum wage rate, Australia, year 1954 = 100. (b) Includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award. Part 1.

TABLE 2. WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 JULY 1979

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements; and index numbers of wage rates.

	Wage rates (\$)								Index Nos.
Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	Australia	Australia
Mining and quarrying (b)(c)	237.73	160.42	204.74	156.50	163.37	175.51	210.47	10.8	745.3
Manufacturing -									
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. (c)	155.39	160.96	165.42	158.51	159.21	157.05	158.42	9.8	561.0
Textiles, clothing and footwear	150.88	152.57	155.21	150.14	155.51	146.53	151.96	7.7	538.1
Food, drink and tobacco (c)	161.97	162.65	164.36	155.84	164.80	160.28	162.27	8.1	574.6
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	158.64	150.53	163.13	150.16	151.68	149.30	155.85	7.2	551.8
Paper, printing, etc. (c)	160.79	170.33	178.82	166.54	169.67	160.28	166.34	7.7	589.0
Other manufacturing (c)	160.59	159.71	160.20	158.63	156.00	152.08	159.64	8.0	565.3
All manufacturing groups (c)	157.40	159.84	164.47	157.82	158.32	155.62	158.96	8.7	562.9
Building and construction (c)	181.36	178.98	166.20	173.64	170.49	164.20	175.67	6.6	622.0
Railway services (c)	149.16	143.72	167.89	153.69	136.79	154.51	152.07	6.6	538.4
Road and air transport (c)	170.46	160.60	157.61	160.57	170.91	164.47	165.05	9.1	584.4
Shipping and stevedoring (c)(d)	202.12	201.05	192.10	190.83	201.30	196.17	198.42	7.3	702.6
Communication	194.40	195.40	193.97	192.86	195.03	189.29	194.36	7.3	688.2
Wholesale and retail trade (c)	165.64	168.40	165.86	164.01	161.71	168.15	166.01	8.1	587.8
Public authority (n.e.i.) and									
community and business services	169.44	166.42	172.14	157.01	163.13	179.71	167.74	7.3	593.9
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	156.55	152.23	153.89	147.57	142.82	147.54	152.92	7.6	541.5
All industry groups (c)	167.82	164.52	168.80	162.76	162.17	163.78	166.05	8.1	588.0

⁽a) Base: Weighted average minimum weekly wage rate, Australia, year 1954 = 100. (b) For mining, wage rates are those prescribed for the principal mining centres and include lead bonuses, etc. (c) For States other than Western Australia, includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part 1. (d) Includes wage rates (and value of keep) for occupations in the coastal shipping service, other than masters, engineers and other officers.

TABLE 3. HOURLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 JULY 1979

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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Mining and quarrying (a)(b)	665.02	401.04	540.47	391.25	428.08	448.67	567.94
Manufacturing –							
Engineering, metals, vehicles etc. (b)	388.61	402.69	413.79	396.28	398.38	392.62	396.24
Textiles, clothing and footwear	377.20	381.42	388.02	375.35	388.77	366.31	379.89
Food, drink and tobacco (b)	405.47	406.63	410.89	389.60	412.00	400.69	405.87
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	396.61	376.32	407.82	375.41	379.20	373.25	389.62
Paper, printing, etc. (b)	401.98	426.45	447.06	416.36	432.73	400.70	416.39
Other manufacturing (b)	401.47	399.63	400.49	397.50	389.10	380.52	399.26
All manufacturing groups (b)	393.63	399.83	411.28	394.72	396.11	389.10	397.58
Building and construction (b)	453.40	447.44	415.50	434.10	426.23	410.51	439.17
Railway services (b)	372.89	359.68	419.72	384.24	341.99	386.26	380.25
Road and air transport (b)	426.16	401.51	394.02	401.43	427.27	411.17	412.62
Communication	509.28	510.53	506.79	510.66	509.58	495.88	508.95
Wholesale and retail trade (b)	414.11	421.01	414.66	410.03	404.27	420.37	415.01
Public authority (n.e.i.) and							
community and business services	431.95	427.44	435.54	400.22	412.16	456.27	427.36
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	391.39	380.57	384.73	368.91	357.05	368.86	382.30
All industry groups (b)	420.51	410.39	421.95	405.31	404.80	405.87	414.95
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Mining and quarrying (a)(b)	940.0	566.8	763.9	553.0	605.1	634.2	802.7
Manufacturing –			,	talant maler			
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. (b)	549.3	569.2	584.9	560.1	563.1	554.9	560.1
Textiles, clothing and footwear	533.1	539.1	548.4	530.5	549.5	517.8	537.0
Food, drink and tobacco (b)	573.1	574.7	580.8	550.7	582.3	566.3	573.7
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	560.6	531.9	576.4	530.6	536.0	527.6	550.7
Paper, printing, etc. (b)	568.2	602.8	631.9	588.5	611.6	566.4	588.5
Other manufacturing (b)	567.4	564.9	566.1	561.8	550.0	537.8	564.3
477	556.4	565.1	581.3	557.9	559.9	550.0	562.0
Building and construction (b)	640.8	632.4	587.3	613.6	602.4	580.2	620.7
Railway services (b)	527.1	508.4	593.2	543.1	483.4	546.0	537.5
Road and air transport (b)	602.3	567.5	556.9	567.4	603.9	581.2	583.2
Communication	719.8	721.6	716.3	721.8	720.3	700.9	719.4
Wholesale and retail trade (b)	585.3	595.1	586.1	579.5	571.4	594.2	586.6
Public authority (n.e.i.) and	000.0	0,011	00012				
community and business services	610.5	604.2	615.6	565.7	582.6	644.9	604.0
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	553.2	537.9	543.8	521.4	504.7	521.4	540.4
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All industry groups (b)	594.4	580.1	596.4	572.9	572.2	573.7	586.5

⁽a) For mining, wage rates used are those prescribed for the principal mining centres and include lead bonuses, etc. (b) For States other than Western Australia, includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part 1. (c) Base: Weighted average minimum hourly wage rate, Australia, year 1954 = 100.

TABLE 4. WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT FEMALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 JULY 1979

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements; and index numbers of wage rates.

	Wage rates (\$)								Index Nos.
Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	Australia	Australia
Manufacturing -	o Angw	110/0 a000	17/10/19/10	HAZIOT DA	FRE GEOL	NAME OF	n centrer	0.020070	DI .
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. (b)	150.10	157.17	152.31	151.06	152.96	151.07	152.68	9.0	766.9
Textiles, clothing and footwear	145.18	144.07	144.62	147.42	146.25	141.18	144.66	7.3	726.6
Food, drink and tobacco	155.24	153.82	154.41	150.70	138.90	148.23	153.21	7.9	769.6
Other manufacturing (b)	149.63	152.48	153.66	148.38	148.55	144.09	150.71	7.6	757.1
All manufacturing groups (b)	148.45	148.65	149.52	149.39	145.87	144.91	148.53	7.8	746.1
Transport and communication	154.93	156.67	161.61	160.17	157.83	162.69	157.24	7.3	789.8
Wholesale and retail trade	162.17	166.10	163.04	161.35	158.90	153.72	162.76	7.5	817.6
Public authority (n.e.i.) and									
community and business services	160.78	163.23	158.44	155.59	154.93	158.61	160.40	7.3	805.7
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	150.62	147.08	145.37	143.38	135.66	142.65	147.23	7.4	739.5
All industry groups (b)	153.74	153.93	155.56	153.97	151.40	149.47	153.79	7.6	772.5

⁽a) Base: Weighted average minimum weekly wage rate, Australia, year 1954 = 100. (b) For States other than Western Australia, includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part 1.

TABLE 5. WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ALL GROUPS

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements.

							Australia			
End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Federal awards, etc.	State awards, etc.	All awards, etc	
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June	154.42	151.87	157.17	150.20	152.65	152.24	153.87	153.07	153.51	
July	154.44	151.87	157.17	150.20	152.98	152.25	153.90	153.10	153.54	
August	154.49	151.87	157.17	150.23	153.04	152.25	153.90	153.16	153.57	
September (a)	155.64	153.10	157.42	151.44	153.54	152.72	155.61	153.28	154.55	
October (a)	155.68	153.10	157.42	151.45	153.57	152.72	155.61	153.32	154.57	
November (a)	155.72	153.15	157.44	151.53	153.59	152.77	155.67	153.34	154.62	
December (a)	162.13	159.43	163.65	157.72	158.60	158.86	161.95	159.49	160.84	
January (a)	162.18	159.44	163.65	157.74	158.63	158.87	161.95	159.54	160.86	
February (a)	162.25	159.44	163.65	157.76	158.72	158.87	161.95	159.62	160.90	
March (a)	162.43	159.47	163.65	157.84	158.72	158.87	161.97	159.79	160.98	
April (a)	162.51	159.48	163.65	157.85	158.75	158.91	161.98	159.87	161.02	
May (a)	162.61	159.48	163.65	157.85	158.75	158.91	161.98	159.95	161.06	
June (a)	167.81	164.52	168.80	162.76	162.17	163.78	167.02	164.87	166.05	
July (a)	167.82	164.52	168.80	162.76	162.17	163.78	167.02	164.88	166.05	
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1978 –										
June	142.73	143.13	144.81	143.07	141.06	138.92	135.77	149.16	142.94	
July	142.73	143.13	144.81	143.07	141.53	138.92	135.79	149.19	142.96	
August	142.91	143.13	144.81	143.07	141.53	138.92	135.79	149.33	143.03	
September (a)	143.19	143.36	144.87	143.45	141.57	138.99	136.28	149.34	143.27	
October (a)	143.19	143.36	144.87	143.45	141.86	138.99	136.28	149.36	143.28	
November (a)	143.22	143.38	144.94	143.49	141.90	139.26	136.35	149.37	143.32	
December (a)	148.95	149.08	150.75	149.23	146.86	144.83	141.80	155.27	149.01	
1979 –				383.55	47-2	96				
January (a)	148.97	149.14	150.75	149.23	147.07	144.83	141.80	155.33	149.04	
February (a)	149.05	149.14	150.75	149.23	147.08	144.83	141.80	155.40	149.07	
March (a)	149.05	149.14	150.75	149.23	147.08	144.83	141.80	155.40	149.07	
April (a)	149.05	149.14	150.75	149.23	147.28	144.83	141.80	155.42	149.09	
May (a)	149.05	149.14	150.75	149.23	147.28	144.83	141.80	155.42	149.09	
June (a)	153.74	153.93	155.56	153.97	151.40	149.47	146.32	160.28	153.79	
July (a)	153.74	153.93	155.56	153.97	151.40	149.47	146.32	160.28	153.79	

⁽a) For States other than Western Australia, includes supplementary payments in the Metal Industry Award, Part 1.

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